

BIOGRAPHIES, STATE ALLIANCE MEMBERS

THE HONORABLE PHIL BREDESEN

Phil Bredesen (D) took office as Tennessee's 48th governor on January 18, 2003, delivering on a promise to leave stale political debates behind and focus on achieving real results for families. In November 2006, he was re-elected in a landslide victory – reportedly becoming the first governor in over a century to win all 95 counties in Tennessee.

Bredesen's strong voter mandate stems, in part, from his commitment to accountability and open government. During his first year in office, Bredesen threw open the doors to administrative budget hearings, allowing taxpayers to see for the first time the decisions that are made on how their money is spent. The Governor also established the toughest ethics rules in the history of Tennessee's executive branch.

In year one, Bredesen worked with the General Assembly to manage the state through a fiscal crisis without raising taxes or cutting funding for education. By Bredesen's fourth year in office, Tennessee had passed four balanced budgets, received top rankings from national bond rating agencies and raised its Rainy Day Fund to a record high.

Among other accomplishments, Bredesen raised teacher pay above the Southeastern average and expanded the state's pilot Pre-K initiative into a program for four-year-olds across the state, led reform of Tennessee's workers' compensation system and invested in retraining programs to help laid-off employees develop new skills, launched the statewide war on methamphetamine abuse with the Governor's Meth-Free Tennessee initiative, founded the Heritage Conservation Trust Fund, and took control of TennCare.

Now, Bredesen begins his second term as Governor with a focus on raising high school and college graduation rates, boosting the economies of Tennessee's smaller and mid-sized communities, strengthening public education at every level and promoting access to health care and healthier lifestyles for all citizens, especially young Tennesseans.

Before serving as Tennessee's governor, Bredesen served as mayor of Nashville from 1991 to 1999.

Before entering public service, Bredesen worked in the health care industry. Between research trips to the public library, he drafted a business plan at his kitchen table that led to the creation in 1980 of HealthAmerica Corp., a Nashville-based health care management company that eventually grew to more than 6,000 employees and traded on the New York Stock Exchange. The company was sold in 1986.

ATTORNEY GENERAL STEVE CARTER

For his second consecutive term, Steve Carter (D) serves as Indiana's Attorney general. As an advocate for personal privacy, Attorney General Carter was instrumental in working with the Legislature to pass the nation's strongest Do Not Call law. Since taking office, Attorney General Carter has also more than tripled the amount of lost and forgotten assets to their rightful owners. More than \$26 million in unclaimed property was returned in 2005 alone. He has also taken an active role in fighting public corruption in Indiana, such as initiating a massive vote fraud investigation with a local prosecutor.

Attorney General Carter is a leader in his field, elected President to the National Association of Attorneys General last June. He now serves on the EWG, the Executive Working Group, which fosters cooperation and communication among US attorneys, county prosecutors and attorneys general.

COMMISSIONER JANE CLINE

Jane L. Cline was appointed West Virginia Insurance Commissioner January 15, 2001. In addition to her responsibilities as Insurance Commissioner, Ms. Cline serves as Secretary-Treasurer of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC), as well as Vice Chair of the Management Committee of the Interstate Insurance Product Regulation Commission. During her tenure she has held various leadership positions with the NAIC.

As West Virginia Insurance Commissioner, Ms. Cline is responsible for the regulation of the insurance market as well as administering the transition of the state workers' compensation system from a state monopolistic system to a competitive private system and is now preparing West Virginia's marketplace for the entrance of private carriers in 2008.

Before her appointment as Insurance Commissioner, Ms. Cline operated a government consulting firm, Jane L. Cline & Associates.

Ms. Cline served as Commissioner of the West Virginia Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) from November 1989 to October 1997 where her focus was on making the Division's services more accessible to all citizens of West Virginia by opening and expanding regional offices. While she was DMV Commissioner she served in several positions with the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators. She was its treasurer and the President of the Southeastern Zone. She also served on its Board of Directors and its AMMVANET Board of Directors.

Prior to her appointment as DMV Commissioner, Ms. Cline served as Deputy Commissioner for the West Virginia Division of Highways.

THE HONORABLE HERB CONAWAY

Assemblyman Herb Conaway, M.D. (D) is serving his fifth term in New Jersey's General Assembly. Assemblyman Conaway represents New Jersey's 7th District. He is Chairman of the Assembly Health and Senior Services Committee and is a member of the Assembly Appropriations Committee and the Assembly Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee.

Assemblyman Conaway began his career in public service in the medical corps as a United States Air Force Captain. He went on to serve as a general medical officer and as an assistant director of the Primary Care Clinic at the McGuire Air Force Base.

Assemblyman Conaway specializes in internal medicine and practices in Willingboro. He has served as a member of the Medical Society of New Jersey, South Jersey Medical Association, Am Vets 251, and the Retired Officers Association. As a lifelong Burlington County resident, he serves on the Board of Trustees of Family Service of Burlington County and is a former board member of the Boys and Girls Club of Burlington County.

JANUARY CONTRERAS

January Contreras served as the Assistant Director of Intergovernmental Affairs at the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS), handling intergovernmental relations with the legislature, CMS, tribal governments, and other state agencies. She previously worked as a prosecutor for Maricopa County, where she handled drug, robbery, theft and other criminal cases.

BRIAN DEVORE

Brian DeVore is Industry Affairs Manager for Intel Digital Health Group. Brian works with senior executives in both the technology industry and state leadership levels to drive policy changes necessary to promote the use of technology in healthcare. Additionally, Brian is responsible for managing Intel Chairman, Dr. Craig Barrett's AHIC interactions as well as helping Dr. Barrett identify strategic opportunities to promote the use of health IT during his US and international travels.

Prior to joining Intel, Brian led Kryptiq Corporation's Government Affairs/Initiatives efforts positioning Kryptiq as a leader in HIT health policy. He currently serves on the State of Washington's Health Information Advisory Committee and The Oregon Business Plan's Healthcare Task Force. Additionally, he has served as a member of eHealth Initiatives Policy Advisory Board.

Prior to Kryptiq, Brian was a principle with Myhealthbank, an early entry into the consumer driven health space. Myhealthbank was eventually sold to QCSI/Trizetto. Brian holds a degree from Evangel University.

THE HONORABLE JIM DOUGLAS

Governor Jim Douglas (R) has been serving the people of Vermont for 30 years. Elected to the Vermont House of Representatives in 1972-the same year he graduated from Middlebury College-his influence as a legislator increased quickly, becoming assistant majority leader in his second term and majority leader in his third term at the age of 25. Governor Douglas retired from the state legislature in 1979 to become a top aide to Governor Richard Snelling. In 1980, Governor Douglas was elected Secretary of State, a post he held until 1992-winning reelection five times and receiving the nomination of both parties on three occasions. Governor Douglas was elected State Treasurer in 1994, receiving the nomination of both parties and winning with 94 percent of the vote. He served as Treasurer until being elected Governor in 2002. Governor Douglas has been a member of the Middlebury Republican Town Committee for 30 years.

Over the course of his career, Governor Douglas has received more votes than any other person in Vermont history—a testament to his appeal to voters of all political persuasions. His counterparts elected Governor Douglas as President of the National Association of Secretaries of State and as president of the National Association of State Treasurers. Outside of government and politics, Governor Douglas has been active in many community organizations. He's a past President of the Addison County Chamber of Commerce and Porter Medical Center. He was master of his Masonic Lodge, Treasurer of the State 4-H Foundation and President of the Vermont Conference of the United Church of Christ. He has served on the boards of the Mary Johnson Day Care Center, the Counseling Service of Addison County, the Vermont Symphony Orchestra and the United Ways of both Addison County and Vermont.

THE HONORABLE JAMES E. GERINGER

Governor Jim Geringer (R) was elected as Wyoming's 30th governor in 1994 and completed his second term in January 2003.

Governor Geringer began his career in public service as an officer in the U.S. Air Force, where he worked as project officer on space programs integrating space boosters and satellites for both the Air Force and NASA. From 1983 to 1994, Governor Geringer served in the Wyoming Legislature, including six years each in the House and the Senate.

As Wyoming's 30th governor, Governor Geringer implemented strategic planning tied to performance based budgeting and when he left office, provided Wyoming state government with a budget surplus, one of very few states to make that claim early in 2003.

Governor Geringer's advocacy for technology in government has centered on the end result of using technology to enhance citizen services, emphasizing the benefits of integrated service delivery and enterprise-wide solutions. That advocacy has led Governor Geringer to join in a full-time capacity with Environmental Systems Research Institute (ESRI) the top provider of geographic information systems software.

THE HONORABLE RICHARD T. MOORE

Senator Richard T. Moore (D) is Senate Chairman of the influential Joint Committee on Health Care Financing in the Massachusetts General Court. As Senate Chairman, Senator Moore was among the principal architects of the landmark Massachusetts health care reform law. One of the key features of the new law was the allocation of \$5 million for the state's e-Health Initiative. He is also widely acknowledged for his leadership in state health care policy and his strong advocacy for patient safety and reduction of medical errors.

Senator Moore is the Chair of the Steering Committee of the National Conference of State Legislatures, a member of the NCSL Executive Committee, and co-chair of NCSL's Health Information Technology Champions (HITCh) Project. The HITCh Project is intended to help legislators around the country understand and support health information technology initiatives.

ATTORNEY GENERAL HARDY MYERS

Hardy Myers (D) serves as Attorney General for Oregon. Attorney General Myers has also served as Councilor, Metropolitan Service District, and member of the Oregon House of Representatives, where he served as Speaker of the House and Chair of the Committee on Judiciary.

Other civic and professional activities include resident, Portland City Planning Commission, 1973-74; Member, Commission on the Judicial Branch; Chair, Citizens' Task Force on Mass Transit Policy, 1985-86; Chair, Oregon Jail Project, 1984-86; Chair, Oregon Criminal Justice Council, member, State Sentencing Guidelines Board, 1987-91; Chair, Portland Future Focus (city strategic planning process), 1990-91; Chair, Metro Charter Committee (statutory committee that prepared home rule charter for November 1992 regional vote at which charter was adopted), 1991-92; Chair, Governor's Task Force on State Employee Benefits, 1994; Co-chair, Governor's Task Force on State Employee Compensation, 1995; and former member, Oregon State Bar Committee on Continuing Legal Education.

COMMISSIONER SANDY PRAEGER

Commissioner Sandy Praeger (R) was elected Kansas' 24th Commissioner of Insurance on November 2, 2002 and re-elected to a second term on November 7, 2006.

Commissioner Praeger is responsible for regulating all insurance sold in Kansas and overseeing the nearly 1,700 insurance companies and 65,000 agents licensed to do business in the state.

She was elected previously to the Kansas Senate in 1992, 1996 and 2000, and before that served one term in the Kansas House of Representatives. A resident of Lawrence, Kansas, she served as mayor of Lawrence from 1986-87, and she served on the Lawrence City Commission from 1985-89.

Currently, Commissioner Praeger serves as President-Elect of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) Commissioner Praeger is also a member of the EX-1 Subcommittee for Internal Administration, the Health Insurance and Managed Care Committee and the Life Insurance and Annuities Committee.

STEPHEN PALMER

Stephen Palmer serves as the lead policy analyst for the Texas Health Care Policy Council in the Office of Governor Rick Perry, the Governor's advisor for health information technology, and the Chair of the Texas delegation to the Gulf Coast Health Information Technology Task Force. Prior to joining the Office of the Governor, Mr. Palmer worked as a Medicaid policy advisor to the Deputy Executive Commissioner of the Texas Health and Human Services Commission. Mr. Palmer also previously worked on the policy staff of the Texas Senate Health and Human Services Committee.

Prior to changing careers into public policy, Mr. Palmer was an information technology consultant focusing on interface programming and database administration.

JOY PRITTS

Joy Pritts, JD, is an Associate Research Professor at Georgetown University's Health Policy Institute, where her research focuses on consumers' rights with respect to their health information. Her research encompasses a broad range of topics including the implementation of the Federal Health Privacy Rule (also known as the HIPAA Privacy Rule), state health information privacy and access laws, the interplay of the federal and state privacy laws, and the access to and use of medical information by financial institutions. She is the primary author of *The State of Health Privacy*, a 50-state survey of health information privacy statutes, as well as a series of consumer guides that explain in plain English how consumers can obtain their medical records in a post-HIPAA environment. She has testified numerous times before Congress and the National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics on health information privacy issues. She currently serves on the Privacy and Security Advisory Team guiding the AHRQ-funded nation-wide assessment of state health privacy laws and practices. She is also a member of the Markle Foundation's Connecting for Health Workgroup on Consumer Access to Health Information Exchange.

DR. MARSHALL RUFFIN

Dr. Marshall Ruffin, MD, MPH, MBA, CPE, FACPE, is a Senior Executive, Strategy and Business Architecture, for the Health and Life Sciences practice of Accenture, LLC. As Senior Executive, Dr. Ruffin specializes in large-scale health information networks, electronic health records and electronic medical record systems.

Recently, Dr. Ruffin led the development a strategic plan for information technologies for a Stanford University Hospital and Clinics. Now he is developing roadmaps to interoperable health information networks for several states and provinces in other countries.

In 2005 he served as the Executive Director of the Interoperability Consortium (Accenture, Cisco, CSC, HP, IBM, Intel, Microsoft, Oracle) that submitted a detailed plan for the national health information network (NHIN) for the USA in response to a request for information for the federal government. Before joining Accenture in 2003, Dr. Ruffin worked full-time for The Informatics Institute, an educational firm he founded with the American College of Physician Executives in 1994.

Dr. Ruffin has been the Chairman of the Forum on Medical Informatics of the American College of Physician Executives and continues to teach many courses on applied medical informatics.

WAYNE A. SENSOR

As the CEO of Alegent Health, Wayne Sensor leads the largest faith-based, not-for-profit healthcare system in the region with over 1,200 physicians, and nearly 8,500 employees committed to making healthcare better. Alegent Health is comprised of five metropolitan medical centers, four rural hospitals and 42 primary care clinics with 125 physicians in Nebraska and Iowa.

Since joining Alegent Health, Sensor has been responsible for a number of innovations and initiatives, including: introducing a new model of consumer-driven healthcare; hiring one of the first Chief Innovation Officers in healthcare; launching the new Alegent Health Community Benefit Trust, which is already providing millions in grants to help community-based organizations better address the needs of the community's vulnerable and underserved; creating an accelerated decision making tool called Right Track, which is engaging its community and its stakeholders in designing the next generation of healthcare; pioneering a more proactive method for reporting quality data in meaningful, transparent ways that empower consumers to make better-informed health choices; and pledging to offer consumer cost transparency to the community by January 2007.

Wayne Sensor has nearly 25 years of experience in leading major healthcare systems, previously serving as President and Chief Executive Officer at CHRISTUS Schumpert Health System in Shreveport, Louisiana.

THE HONORABLE JEANNE SHAHEEN

In 1996, Jeanne Shaheen became New Hampshire's first woman governor and the first Democrat elected governor in sixteen years. She was re-elected in 1998 and 2000, becoming only the fourth governor in New Hampshire history elected to three consecutive terms. In 2002 she narrowly lost her bid for the United States Senate. As Governor, Jeanne Shaheen successfully fought to strengthen education from kindergarten through college; improve health care; build New Hampshire's high-tech and international economy; and maintain a fiscally responsible state government.

Before running for office, Jeanne Shaheen taught high school in Mississippi and New Hampshire, owned and managed a small business, and ran several statewide political campaigns.

In 1990, Jeanne Shaheen was elected to the New Hampshire state senate, where she served three terms. As Governor, Jeanne Shaheen worked to move New Hampshire forward while making sure state government lived within its means. She launched innovative initiatives to save taxpayers' money by lowering the cost of prescription drugs for the state's Medicaid program; reducing worker's compensation costs; and spearheading an effort to upgrade state buildings for energy efficiency.

Among other accomplishments, she fulfilled her promise to pass legislation expanding public kindergarten in New Hampshire; increased the state's investment in local public schools, job training, the University System and community technical colleges, and made the state's largest investment ever in capital improvements for the University System; created a program to put more computers into local schools; fought to reduce electric rates by an average of 16 percent for most New Hampshire families and businesses, keeping the state economically competitive; expanded health care coverage for children, helping parents across New Hampshire buy affordable health insurance for their children; created the Land and Community Heritage Investment Program, which works with communities to preserve the state's open space and historic places; and signed into law first-in-the-nation legislation requiring New Hampshire's fossil fuel power plants to take steps to reduce emissions of four pollutants-- nitrogen oxide, sulfur oxide, carbon dioxide and mercury.

Since leaving office, Jeanne Shaheen has served as a Senior Fellow at both the Institute of Politics at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard and the College of Citizenship and Public Service at Tufts University. As a Tufts fellow, she developed and taught, with another faculty member, a new course called "Governing in a Partisan Environment," using the lessons learned as governor to describe successful policymaking in divided government. For the past year, Jeanne Shaheen was the National Chair of the Kerry-Edwards Campaign for President. She is currently on the Board of the Nellie Mae Education Foundation.

DR. DAVID SUNDWALL

David N. Sundwall, MD, was nominated by Governor Jon Huntsman Jr. to serve as Executive Director of the Utah Department of Health (UDOH) on January 3, 2005, and was confirmed for this position by the Utah Senate on January 17, 2005. In this capacity he supervises a workforce of almost 1,400 employees, and a budget of almost \$1.8 billion.

Dr. Sundwall previously served as President of the American Clinical Laboratory Association (ACLA) beginning September 1994, and remained in this capacity until May 2003, when he was appointed Senior Medical and Scientific Officer. The ACLA is a not-for-profit organization representing the leading national, regional, and local independent clinical laboratories. Its member companies provide more than 60 percent of the clinical lab testing in the United States done by commercial laboratories.

Dr. Sundwall has extensive experience in federal government and national health policy, including: Administrator, Health Resources and Services Administration [HRSA], Public Health Service, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), and Assistant Surgeon General in the Commissioned Corps of the U.S. Public Health Service (1986-1988). He also served as Director, Health and Human Resources Staff (Majority), U.S. Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee (1981-1986).

THE HONORABLE KEN SVEDJAN

Representative Ken Svedjan (R) was first elected to the ND House of Representatives in 1990, and has successfully been re-elected ever since.

Rep. Svedjan was quickly recognized for his administrative and leadership skills in the areas of health care and human services. In only his second term, he was tapped as Vice Chairman of the House Human Services Committee, and assumed the Chairmanship the following legislative session. In 1997, Rep. Svedjan moved to the House Appropriations Committee where he served as Vice Chairman of the Health & Human Resources Section where he continued to serve through 2002. In 2003, Rep. Svedjan assumed the overall Chairmanship of the House Appropriations Committee. Throughout his 17 years in the ND Legislative Assembly, Rep. Svedjan has been honored often for his legislative leadership.

In addition to his State legislative involvement, Rep. Svedjan has also earned several leadership positions within the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) the largest legislator-member organization in the United States. With NCSL, Rep. Svedjan served three terms as Vice Chairman of NCSL's Health and Human Services Committee, one term as Chairman of that same committee, one term as Vice Chairman of the Assembly of Federal Issues within NCSL, and has begun his second three-year term as a member of NCSL's Executive Committee, a 40-member group of legislators from across the United States who serve as the Board of Directors of the National Conference of State Legislatures.

Rep. Svedjan is currently in his 30th year of employment with Altru Health System where he currently serves as Public Policy Officer. Since starting with Altru in 1977 (then United Hospital), Ken served as Director of Personnel, as Administrator for Development and Community Relations and President of Altru Health Foundation before assuming his current role as Public Policy Officer.

DR. REED V. TUCKSON

Dr. Reed V. Tuckson, MD, FACP, is Executive Vice President and Chief of Medical Affairs at UnitedHealth Group where he is responsible for working with all of the Company's business units to improve the quality and efficiency of health services.

Formerly, Dr. Tuckson served as Senior Vice President, Professional Standards, for the American Medical Association (AMA). He is former President of the Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science in

Los Angeles; has served as Senior Vice President for Programs of the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation; and is a former Commissioner of Public Health for the District of Columbia.

Dr. Tuckson is an active member of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences and served as the Chairperson of its Quality Chasm Summit Committee and a member on their Committee on the Consequences of the Uninsured. Currently, he serves as Chair of the Secretary of Health and Human Services' Advisory Committee on Genetics, Health and Society.

BIOGRAPHIES, SPEAKERS

HOWARD BURDE

Howard Burde is a Partner at Blank Rome LLP. As Partner, Mr. Burde represents health information technology companies, health plans, and federal, state, and local governments. He routinely counsels in areas of health information technology, health insurance and managed care law issues, licensure, and certification and accreditation matters.

Mr. Burde's wealth of healthcare knowledge includes seven years of service as deputy general counsel to Governors Tom Ridge and Mark Schweiker of Pennsylvania. In this position, he served as legal counsel for Commonwealth of Pennsylvania responsible for the Departments of Health, Public Welfare, and Aging, as well as for the Health Related Professional Boards, and the Medical Professional Liability Catastrophe Loss Fund. He also advised on all managed care, health insurance, public health, and health and human service issues. From June 1995 until November 1997, Mr. Burde was chief counsel to the Pennsylvania Department of Health. Prior to his government service, Mr. Burde had seven years of private practice experience representing health care providers.

DR. JAMES GOLDEN

Dr. Golden is the Director of the Minnesota Department of Health's Division of Health Policy and is responsible for overseeing programs that: Monitor and track health care access, cost, and quality; Analyze and report on the health care marketplace and infrastructure issues; Promote the adoption and use of interoperable electronic health records; Monitor and report on adverse health events; Administer the Medical Education and Research Cost fund to support medical education activities in Minnesota; and Maintain the official, permanent state birth and death records for Minnesota.

Dr. Golden also serves as the Project Director of the Minnesota Privacy and Security Project, which is conducting a systematic review of Minnesota's laws and health care organizations' practices to: 1) Identify the most significant privacy and security issues facing organizations in implementing the electronic exchange of health information; and 2) Develop solutions to eliminate or reduce the privacy and security barriers while preserving and strengthening patient privacy protections.

Prior to joining the Department of Health, Dr. Golden was the chief operating officer for the Midwest Center for HIPAA Education. He also served as a Peace Corps volunteer in Paraguay. Dr. Golden earned his doctorate at the University of Minnesota's Carlson School of Management.

DR. ROBERT KOLODNER

Dr. Kolodner is Interim National Coordinator for Health Information Technology at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Dr. Kolodner comes from the Veterans Health Administration in the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), where served as Chief Health Informatics Officer and was involved with the development and oversight of VistA – VA's electronic health records systems – and My Health^eVet – VA's Personal Health Record for veterans.

MARK MCCOURT

Mark McCourt has been involved with Healthcare IT for nearly 20 years, first as a Product Developer and Development Manager at Sunquest Information Systems (now Misys) and joining the IBM Consulting Group in 1995. Having both a business and technical background, Mr. McCourt has led development efforts for solutions used in a variety of clinical settings and has occupied leadership positions with IBM in numerous Healthcare Consulting and Business Development efforts. His current role is IBM's Business Development Executive for Clinical Interoperability in the Americas.

Mr. McCourt has a Bachelor of Science in Life Sciences from the University of Arizona and an MBA from The Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania.

VICTORIA PRESCOTT

Viki Prescott, ESQ, is General Counsel and head of Business Development for Regenstrief Institute, a medical research institute whose pioneering work in medical informatics, health information exchange, and healthcare data standardization is recognized nationally.

Viki began her career in the software development field, leading several large-scale projects. She also founded, built and successfully sold a software company. In addition, Viki has expertise in intellectual property law and has practiced law for over 15 years, serving primarily as in-house counsel at such corporations as Mattel Toys and Resort Condominiums International. She also has a consulting background and has assisted several start-up companies in formation, strategic planning, and negotiation of key partnerships.

Viki has also become involved at the national level on electronic health information exchange policy and issues through her work on the Connecting For Health project (as chair of a subcommittee), as primary investigator on ONC's contract with AHIMA for the study on best practices for state-level health information exchange initiatives and the follow-on project of examining health information exchange services that are financially sustainable, as primary investigator on Regenstrief's contract from the Indiana State Department of Health for the national contract from RTI for the Health Information Privacy and Security Collaboration project (HISPC), and as advisor to ONC on the National Health Information Network (NHIN) prototype project, as well as being a frequent speaker and author on these topics.

LISA ROBIN

Lisa Robin is Vice President of Government Relations, Policy and Education with the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB), a national non-profit association of the 70 state medical boards in the U.S. and territories, located in Dallas-Fort Worth.

During her 12-year tenure, Ms. Robin has been active in policy development and promulgation on issues including as telehealth, the use of controlled substances for the treatment of pain, scope of practice, professional conduct and ethics, Internet prescribing and medical practice, quality of care and maintenance of competence, office-based surgery, complementary and alternative medicine, and license portability. Ms. Robin is also principal investigator for the FSMB's license portability grant program addressing licensure barriers that impede the expansion of telehealth services across state lines.

DR. ROXANE A. TOWNSEND

In May, 2006, Dr. Roxane Townsend was appointed as Deputy Secretary for the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals. In that role she serves as the Chief Operating Officer for the Department. Responsibilities include oversight of the major program offices – Public Health, Mental Health, Addictive Disorders, Citizens with Developmental Disabilities and Aging and Adult Services.

Prior to being appointed as the Deputy Secretary, Dr. Townsend served as the Louisiana Medicaid Medical Director. As Medicaid Medical Director, Dr. Townsend had clinical oversight for the Medicaid program. Responsibilities included leadership in Disease Management activities and quality initiatives for the Medicaid program.

Dr. Townsend has been involved in several health information technology projects including the Capital Area Access Partnership, a HRSA funded Healthy Communities Access Program that is focused on using information technology to help improve access to health care for the uninsured and underinsured. In addition, Dr. Townsend serves as the Project Manager for the contract held by DHH with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services/Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology to develop a prototype electronic health information exchange as part of the Post-Hurricane Katrina efforts to recover and recreate electronic health records for the citizens of Louisiana who were displaced by the storm. Under Dr. Townsend's leadership, the Department is also contracted with RTI International for the Health Information Security and Privacy Collaborative.